

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 19 are now pending in the application. Claims 1 – 19 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 – 26 of U.S. Pat. No. 6,431,096. Applicants have included herewith a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) to overcome the double patenting rejection. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection(s) in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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